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1 case. And Exhibit D to that document is the	1 A. 300,000.
4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	2 Q. And Hodell was going to make
3 Hodell and IBiS, correct?	
4 A. Correct.	4 \$60,000, correct?
5 Q. Dated November 30, 2004?	5 A. Correct.
6 A. Correct.	6 Q. Did Hodell make all the payments?
7 Q. Actually signed December 20,	7 A. They did. Yeah. Except the
8 2004, and December 24, 2004, correct?	8 final there is 60,000 that is still open,
9 A. Correct,	9 so I guess the
10 Q. What was the purpose of this	10 Q. There is a final 60,000 due upon
11 document?	11 successful implementation, correct?
12 A. Gain agreement on what Hodell was	12 A. Right. Correct.
ordering, price they were to pay, when they	13 Q. When was the strike that.
were to pay it, couple of checkpoints with	14 There is a section there, says, the
dates that said at this point they need to	15 intellectual property to the In-Flight code would
agree to proceed, or get their money back.	be given to Hodell in case of default by IBiS or
i an install the secondary	17 LSi.
	18 A. Correct.
described the the financing of and some	19 Q. Do you recall that?
time limits for the milestones to be	
o completed.	20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Among other things, this document	21 Q. Was the In-Flight code ever
concerned the purchase of 80 user licenses of	22 provided to Hodell?
SAP Business One by Hodell, correct?	23 A. Yes.
24 A. Correct.	24 Q. It was?
MR. STAR: Objection, form.	25 A. Yes, I believe so. When I closed
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1 BY MR, LAMBERT:	1 the practice, they had to have the code.
2 Q. What kind of licenses was Hodell	2 Q. Did LSi – strike that,
3 buying?	3 Did SAP review this agreement
4 A. I believe it was professional	4 A. No.
5 level licenses for SAP Business One.	5 Q before it was signed?
6 Q. What is the difference between a	6 A. No.
7 professional license and a CRM license?	7 Q. But they were aware of the
7 7 7 1 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	a development of In-Flight at this time,
	9 correct?
9 functionality at the user level.	i vr
10 Q. What does a CRM license do?	
11 A. It's a it's more basic. If a	11 Q. As of December 2004?
user needs to get into report creation, I	12 A. Yes.
believe is one of the areas, but again, that's	13 Q. Do you recall Hodell signing any
1.4 — that's an area I'm not knowledgeable of.	14 other documents, contemporaneous with the
15 CRM users are less expensive. Pros are more	15 development agreement, regarding the purchase
16 expensive.	of 80 user 80 Business One user licenses?
17 Q. Do you know who drafted the	17 A. Well, they signed the SAP
18 development agreement, who wrote it up?	18 documents for licenses. Is that what you're
19 A. Who wrote this? Well, I guess	19 asking?
20 LSi.	20 Q. Did they sign any documents
A. O. Da von modil having on attamou	21 contemporaneous with this document?

21 contemporaneous with this document?

22 A. I think this was it. We gave you 23 -- I mean, unless we gave you another

23 A. No.

21 Q. Do you recall having an attorney 22 review it or involved with it at all?

24 Q. What is the purchase price stated

for the 80 user licenses of SAP Business One?

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1 (Whereupon, Exhibit 57 was marked for 2 identification.) 3 BY MR. LAMBERT: 4 Q. Review Exhibit 57, and let me 5 know when you're finished. 6 A. (Doing as indicated.) Okay. 7 Q. Exhibit 57 is Mr. Woodrum's reply 8 to Kevin Reidl, correct? 9 A. Jon Woodrum, Kevin Reidl, 10 correct. 11 Q. You're copied on that? 12 A. I am. 13 Q. And discussing the go live date, 14 correct? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. In this email, Mr. Woodrum is 17 expressing his belief that Hodell may be 18 unnecessarily delaying the go live date, 19 correct? 20 A. Okay. Where do you see that? 21 Q. The very first part of the email. 22 A. Okay. So he was giving his	1 email? 2 A. Jon, where are we? I had here 3 are some questions. Jon, here are some 4 questions I asked and his answers. Here are 5 some questions I asked and his answers. Who 6 did I ask? Okay. It must have been Kevin, so 7 I must have asked Kevin these questions. That 8 would be my guess. And then what Kevin's 9 responses were. 10 Q. Okay. There is a reference to 11 the second Q&A. 12 A. Okay. 13 Q. How is performance, response 14 time? And the last sentence of the answer 15 A. I think it is okay. We're 16 running good in most areas that used to run 17 slow, but there are spots that drag down. I'm 18 not sure if those are big issues to resolve or 19 not. We have not tested on the big database 20 yet, so that will be important. 21 Q. What is the reference to the big 22 database?
23 opinion, addressing Kevin's last email, but he	23 A. I really don't know.
 said no arm twisting, we will do everything we can to satisfy your comfort level and go live 	24 THE WITNESS: Are they supposed to be 25 in order?
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1 preference, Our goals are the same.	1 MR. HULME: Yeah, eventually. I'll

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1	preference. Our goals are the same.
2	Q. As of January 12, 2007, having
3	been copied on this email, did you agree or
4	disagree that Hodell may be unnecessarily
5	prolonging the go live?
б	MR. HULME: Objection, form.
7	THE WITNESS: Yeah, I had no opinion on
8	it. I was waiting for this thing wasn't
9	going live until the customer felt comfortable
10	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
11	back and forth, back and forth. And then when
12	
13	C, C ,
14	realize we're going to go live.
15	(Whereupon, Exhibit 58 was marked for
16	identification.)
17	THE WITNESS: Dan to Jon, carbon, okay,
18	to Kevin. Jon, here's some questions. Okay.
19	
20	BY MR. LAMBERT:

21 Q. Exhibit 58 is an email from you to Jon and Kevin, dated January 16, 2007,

25 Q. What is the purpose of this

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1	MR. HULME: Yeah, eventually. I'll
2	take care of them.
3	THE WITNESS; No. No.
4	MR, HULME: Numbered.
5	MR. LAMBERT: Go off the record for a
6	second.
7	(Whereupon, a break was taken from
8	12:14 until 12:47.)
9	MR, LAMBERT: Back on.
10	
	Q. Mr. Lowery, do you recail
12	strike that.
1.3	Hodell went live around March 8th,
14	2007, correct?
1,5	A. Correct.
	Q. Did issues with the performance
	of Business One arise immediately upon going
18	live?
	A. Yes. Yes.
20	Q. Do you know what those issues
21	were?
	A. Well, there was again, I'm not
	the technical guy, but in my mind, there were
24	three issues. One was system freezes, another

was memory leaks, and the last was the DI API

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23 right? 24 A. Correct. Hodell-Natco Industries, Inc. v. SAP America, Inc., et al.

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- 1 slow. You couldn't get in and out of. So to
- process a long order, a Hodell long order,
- would take, you know, a long time,
- 4 unacceptably long.
- 5 O. What would happen when the system
- 6 froze? Let's talk about the first one.
- 7 A. What would happen what?
- 8 Q. When the system would freeze?
- 9 A. Well, again, I'm assuming it's
- like your PC locking up, it just -- you got to
- 11 reboot and go from there.
- 12 O. Is it a systemwide issue, or was
- 13 it an individual user issue?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. You don't know? Was there --
- 1.6 A. I know it was a big enough issue
- where all the lights went on, up into SAP, and
- you know, we were sending off problem reports 18
- and all this kind of things, and it was a big 19
- 20
- 21 Q. So you would agree with me that
- that was an example of unacceptable
- 23 performance by the software, correct?
- 24 A. That was a -- ended up being a
- 25 Business One problem, yeah. You cannot have

- 1 mean by the DI API was slow?
 - 2 A. Well, again, going back to the
 - pipe analogy, it's the data interface and
 - application program interface. And it simply
 - wasn't a big enough pipe to allow the data
 - from In-Flight to update the database within
 - SAP Business One.
 - 8 O. What kind of problems was that
 - creating?
 - 10 A. When you hit enter, you sat there
 - 11 and waited.
 - 12 O. Okay, Would you -- would you
 - agree that was an example of unacceptable 13
 - performance by the software, meaning that
 - Hodell should not have been expected to
 - tolerate that performance --
 - 17 A. Yes.
 - 18 O. -- correct?
 - 19 A. I agree to that.
 - (Whereupon, Exhibit 59 was marked for
 - 21. identification.)
 - BY MR. LAMBERT: 22
 - 23 Q. Okay. What attempts were made to
 - resolve those issues?
 - 25 A. What?

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- 1 O. What attempts were made to
 - resolve those issues you just -- you just
 - explained to me? 3
 - 4 A. Oh, it was all hands on deck. I
 - mean, it's a very lengthy answer, but we threw
 - out the, request SAP, several different 6
 - 7 approaches were taken to it. Ralph, or
 - Dirk Boessmann, was one of the people 8
 - coordinating it through the programming labs 9
 - 10 over in Germany, I believe, so they were
 - working on it. Dan Kraus was approaching it 11
 - from -- he was pointing the finger at 12
 - In-Flight and was trying to prove In-Flight 13
 - was at fault. And he brought in another 14
 - partner to review our code, company called 1.5
 - Apollo, so he and I structured up an agreement 16
 - that if they found something, I would pay for 17
 - Apollo's time. And if they didn't, he would 18
 - pay for Apollo's time. They found nothing. 19
 - Actually ended up complimenting us on our 20

 - programming. 21
 - 22 Another complication at that point,
 - Dan Kraus was not satisfied. Now he wanted 23
 - all of our code to go to Apollo, and I started 24
 - smelling something wrong there, and I said no. 25

- system freezes and run a business, if that is
- what you're asking.
- 3 Q. It was what is a memory leak?
- 4 A. Memory leaks, I think that was
- basically the same result, the system locked
- up. I mean, Kevin probably can answer these
- better than I do, because he was living it. 7
- But the memory leaks issue, again, were identified, went to Germany, SAP wrote
- releases and eventually those were resolved. 10
- Same for the freezes. But that was a very 11
- frustrating, and it complicated, you know,
- because then at the same time we're battling 13
- the DI API, so you're 14
- 15 O. Is it your testimony that the
- system lockups or freezes were completely
- 17 solved?
- 18 A. My testimony is what?
- 19 Q. Is it your testimony that the --
- 20 that the system lockups or freezes that Hodell
- 21 experienced were solved?
- 22 A. Yes, eventually.
- 23 Q. One hundred percent?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Okay. Explain to me what you

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1 Q. What was discussed on that call? 2 A. The implementation it seems. 3 Well, if Radio Beacon was on there, I'm sure 4 it was about Radio Beacon. Paul Killingsworth 5 was on there. Paula Hendley, whoever that is. 6 I don't know who that is. And at LSi, we had 7 everybody. Avery will send you a recap with 8 the plan, so we must have been I don't know 9 specifically. Everyone's in the boat. Radio 10 Beacon and SAP are anxious to resolve and are 11 supplying great people. 12 Q. You don't recall who Paula 13 Hendley was? 14 A. I don't. 15 Q. So your testimony, or would you 16 agree with me that the installation and 17 operation of the SAP Business One software at 18 Hodell was a failure, correct? 19 MR. STAR: Objection to form. 20 THE WITNESS: No. I mean, they ran 21 their business on it for two years. 22 BY MR. LAMBERT: 23 Q. You would agree with me it did	Page 1 A. They weren't going to fix the 2 problem. They had to find something else to 3 blame it on. I mean, we have documentation 4 that SAP is not going to fix the problem. 5 Probably the most legitimate one is from Miki 6 Zilberstein. 7 (Whereupon, Exhibit 61 was marked for 8 identification.) 9 THE WITNESS: Where we at here? 10 September of 2007. Okay. Okay. 11 MR. LAMBERT: What number is that? 12 THE WITNESS: Sixty-one. 13 BY MR. LAMBERT: 14 Q. Have you reviewed Exhibit 61? 15 A. Have I, yeah. I'm on it right 16 now. I have seen it, right here. 17 Q. What is — what is Exhibit 61? 18 A. It looks like it's a — a message 19 guide for field sales and partners. 20 Q. Well, on the front, what is it? 21 A. Pardon me? 22 Q. It's an email from you to — 23 A. Oh, it's an email from me to
not work as it was supposed to work, correct? MR. HULME: You mean at what point	Kevin with an attachment, copying Otto. This was what is announced today, so on
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25	MR. HOLME: You mean at what point	25	was what is autourised today, so on
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1		1	September 19th, 2007. Q. Why were you sending it to Otto
2	THE WITNESS: Yeah. BY MR, LAMBERT:	2	and Kevin?
3		,	A. Well, let's see. What does it
4 5	A. Ever?	5	say? Okay. My guess would be to let them
ء ا	Q. Right.	6	know the new typical number of employees that
"	A. Okay. Are you talking about SBO	7	they are recommending SAP Business One be sold
8	or In-Flight?	8	into, which would be under 100, 10 to 100
	Q. I'm talking about SAP Business	9	employees, fewer than 50 users. And this came
10	<u> </u>	10	out September 2007. So this SAP at this
	A. I agree that the SAP Business One	11	point was trying to prevent future Hodells
12	DI API problems were unacceptable.	12	from happening.
13	Q. And they were never fixed, right?	13	Q. Okay. My question was, why did
	A. Not to no. No.	14	you send it to Otto and Kevin in September of
15	Q. When did the number of users on	15	
16	the SAP Business One system start being	16	The state of the s
1.7	discussed between you and and SAP?	17	C ,
1.8	A. As being a problem?	18	
1.9	*	19	know.
20	A. Oh, probably shortly after go	20	Z
21		1	A. I found it interesting. I'm sure
	Q. And why did it come up?	22	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	A. In my opinion, it was a way for	23	,
24		24	
25	Q. Well, in what regard?	25	field sales partners

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		1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
1	THE WITNESS: This implies there is a	2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION
2	fix on the way coming out of you.	3	HODELL-NATCO INDUSTRIES,) Case No. 1:08 CV 2755
3	Okay. I don't even know what your	4	INC.,) Judge: Lesley Wells
4	question was, but what was it?	5	vs.) Magistrate Judge:) Greg White
5	BY MR. LAMBERT:	6	SAP AMERICA, INC., et al.,) Defendants.
6	Q. There is no question pending.	7	Detendants.
7	MR. LAMBERT: Off the record.	_	
8	(Whereupon, at 2:02, an off-the-record	8	SIGNATURE SHEET
9	discussion was held.)	9	DEPOSITION OF DANIEL J. LOWERY
10	THE REPORTER: Do you want signature?	10	I do hereby acknowledge that the above and foregoing
11	MR. HULME: We'll read it.	11	deposition has been submitted to me. I have carefully read the same, and it correctly portrays the answers
12	THE REPORTER: Does everybody still want	12	given by me, except as may be otherwise noted on the errata sheet(s) attached hereto.
13	copies of everything?	13	
14	MR. STAR: Yeah, please.	14	
15	MR. HULME: Yes.	15	DANIEL J. LOWERY
16	MR. LAMBERT: Yes.	16	Dated:
17	(Whereupon, at 2:03, the deposition was	17	
18	continued until a later date.)	18	
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1 discussion today is to be treated as	1 been.
2 confidential within the partnership agreement?	2 Q. Could that have been the
з A. I don't I don't recall what	3 information he was asking you to keep
4 that refers to.	4 confidential?
5 MR. STAR; Objection to form.	5 A. Possibly. He wanted the whole
6 BY MR. LAMBERT:	6 conversation kept confidential. I guess that
7 Q. You don't recall what	7 could have been it. Yeah, I guess so.
8 information	8 Q. Did Sotnick say where he'd gotten
9 A. What he's I don't know what	9 the information from that the DI API was the
10 he's talking about there.	10 problem?
11 Q. Okay. And then you reply, that	11 MR. STAR: Objection to form.
12 same day, you've never seen a customer try	12 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. But when
13 harder to make something work than Hodell had,	13 I wrote this letter, someone at SAP told me
14 correct?	14 that they weren't going to rewrite to fix it,
15 A. Correct.	15 and they were admitting the DI API was the
16 Q. You would agree with me that	problem, and that had to come from that
17 Hodell did everything in their power to make	17 conversation with Sotnick.
18 the installation of Business One work?	18 (Whereupon, Exhibit 106 was marked for
19 A. I do.	19 identification.)
20 Q. And yes, I will keep what we	20 MR, LAMBERT: Greg, 106 is SAP872.
21 discussed today private, correct?	MR. STAR: Wes, before you go on to
22 A. Correct.	22 that, I mean, we we had this issue the last
23 Q. But you don't recall what that	23 time when you were questioning Dan, which is
24 was?	24 that a lot of the documents that you show him
25 A. I don't. I mean, it must have	25 are only partial pieces of an email chain.
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Page 409 And then we're marking multiple exhibits, which are the same emails, with the full chain. And -- and the problem, of course, 3 that we come up with is the testimony that is given on the record, it is unusable, because the witness is -- is speculating, having not had a chance to see the full email chain. So I -- I just throw that out there. If you want ä to continue in this fashion, you can, but I 9 think it leaves us with a -- a transcript that 10 is not usable in a lot of ways, but go ahead. 11 MR, LAMBERT: Well, I have tried to fix 12 that. Is this - is the email we just 13 questioned him about not the complete string? 14 MR. STAR: It is not. There is a response 15 from Sotnick that refutes entirely what Mr. Lowery 16 says here, but you -- go ahead. 17 MR. LAMBERT: Okay. The other problem is 18 that there is several long email chains in here, 19 and they're -- and depending who was forwarded 20 what, they differ somewhat, so it's kind of 21 difficult to know which one to use, but you know, 22 we're doing our best. 23 MR. HULME: You didn't ask him any 24 questions about 106, did you? 25

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BY MR. LAMBERT: 24 Q. Sotnick had said that? 25 A. Sotnick, yeah. It must have

1 been some general -- later on in that email,

2 I'm referring to -- okay. Must be about -- he

to move to All-in-One, and he wanted to

present that to Hodell, not me. So my

10 Q. Well, the third paragraph of that

da, da, da, da, so

must have had the idea of trying to get Hodell

question was, is how is everybody going to get

reimbursed, and how am I going to get my 60

email references, or you make the statement,

"Hearing the DI API is the problem gives us a

personal satisfaction, as we have been saying

SAP will not rewrite to fix it, leaves me more

that for months. But knowing that, and that

confused than ever where we can sell."

19 Q. Who had told you that the DI API

MR. STAR: Objection to form.

grand that I was stiffed on, and da, da, da,

Correct?

20 was the problem?

21 A. Apparently Sotnick.

18 A. Correct.

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21 A. For free, I guess, I was not 22 involved in that. 23 Q. So you don't have any knowledge 24 of the 40 CRM user licenses 25 A. I really don't.	21 Q. Had no usefulness to Hodell on 22 its own, correct? 23 A. Without SAP? 24 Q. Right. 25 A. Correct.
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 Q referenced in Exhibit 155? A. I don't. And that's why I asked, wasn't I don't know for sure, but I kind of remember somebody asking me a question about Otto wanting a year-end tax thing or something. 	 Q. So that if Hodell wasn't running its business, could not run its business on Business One, In-Flight, in fact, would not deliver what was promised, correct? MR. STAR: Objection. THE WITNESS: In-Flight In-Flight
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- 7 Q. You don't know for sure --
- a A. I don't know for sure.
- 9 Q. what that was for?
- 10 A. I don't know for sure.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. All I know for sure is they had
- 13 80 and then 20.
- 14 Q. You made several statements today
- 15 and yesterday that Hodell was running its
- 16 business on Business One, correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Are you suggesting that in any
- 19 way it's inappropriate for Hodell to
- 20 eventually decide to abandon the Business One
- 21 In-Flight software and move to a different
- 22 package?
- 23 A. Do I feel it's inappropriate for
- 24 them to abandon it?
- 25 O. Well, is that what you're

- was what?
- BY MR. LAMBERT:
- 9 Q. Hodell -- if you agree with me
- that Hodell could not run its business on
- Business One as it functioned, which I think 11
- we're in agreement on, correct? 12
- MR, HULME: Objection, form. 13
- THE WITNESS: I don't understand it. 14
- 15 BY MR. LAMBERT:
- 16 Q. Do you agree with me that the
- 17 performance of Business One was unacceptable
- 18 at Hodell-Natco?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 O. Okay. Do you agree with me that
- 21 Hodell-Natco had every right eventually to
- abandon Business One and move to a different 22
- 23 software package?
- 24 A. Sure.
- 25 Q. Okay. I don't have anything

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